Land to BPL families for housing

166. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to identify rural landless families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) for the allotment of land on priority basis for housing;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the rural landless families identified, and

(c) the total amount of fund earmarked alongwith the proposed allotment to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Sanctioning of funds for Andhra Pradesh by British Prime Minister

167. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Prime Minister sanctioned Rs. 2000 crores more funds for developmental programmes in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether these funds were related to health, education and improving the energy efficiency;

(c) whether these projects would be funded through the United Kingdom's Department for International Fund;

(d) if so, whether this was in addition to already agreed projects involving Rs. 420 crores to support the State structural adjustment programmes during 2001;

(e) if so, what is the total amount received; and

(f) how much has been utilised by the State Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) to (f) As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Finance Department of Economic Affairs, the Government of India had received a grant of UK Pounds 65 million (equivalent to Rs. 450 crores approximate) from United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID), as a part of co-financing package with a World Bank loan of $ 250 million for implementing the Structural Adjustment Programme by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The entire amount of the DFID grant was released by the Government of India to the State Government in a single tranche during 2001-02.

Implementation of EAS in Assam

168. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is under implementation in Assam;

(b) if so, the mandays created in the State during the last two years, year-wise and district-wise alongwith the number of persons benefited;

(c) whether any complaint has been received regarding shortcomings in the Schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and remedial action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU):

(a) No Sir. The Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) has been fully merged with the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yozana (SGRY) w.e.f. 1st April 2002.

(b) The performance under the Programme was used to be measured in terms of generation of mandays. District-wise details of mandays generated under the EAS during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Now that the programme is not there, the questions do not arise.